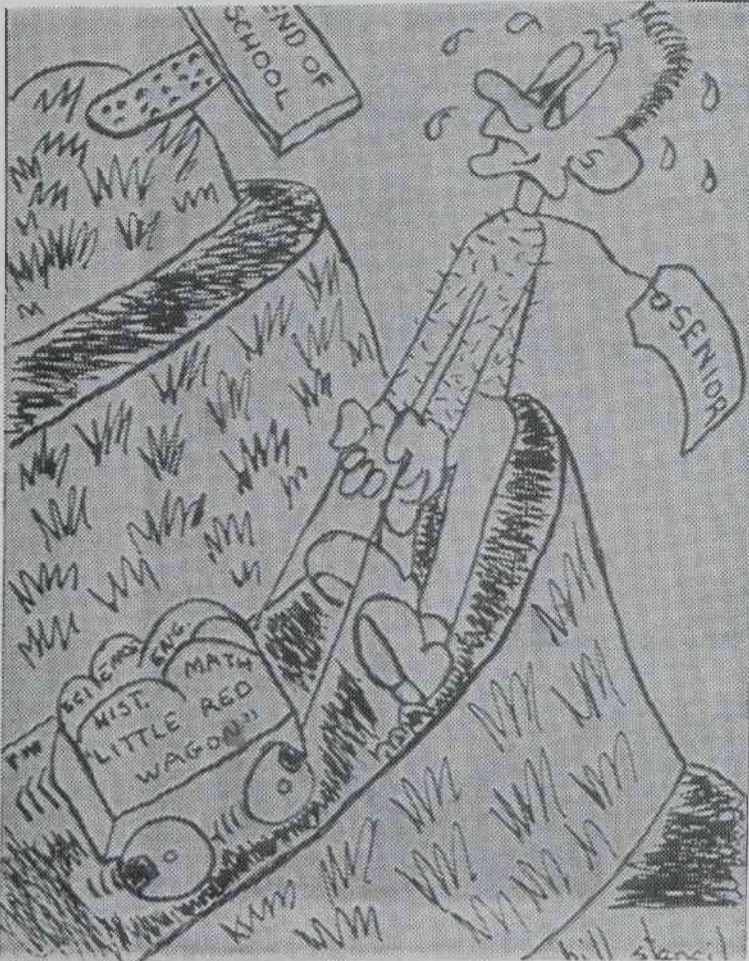


Puff!! Just 'round the curve!



Uphill All The Way

Struggle Ends in Starting

That time of year has arrived when seniors take their last walk down cherished halls, say good-bye to young, carefree days, and breathe a long, deep sigh as they begin the trip along new roads of life and learning.

Struggling up the last mile to graduation, the load becomes heavier and heavier. There is so much to do that sometimes one feels he will never take that final step to receive his diploma.

As "the time" nears, many find themselves with mixed emotions. There is a certain sadness when one thinks of leaving childhood chums but again there is an air of excitement to think he will soon be out in the world to make a name for himself.

Many graduates will again become underclassmen when they enter various colleges and universities, from New York to Florida, in the fall. With only three short months to rest and play, they will again begin the hard struggle with books, slide-rules, and exams. Some will enter the business world, while others will accept the so-called drudgery of married life.

Whether utopia is reached or not, each graduate leaves a bit of himself at Rocky Mount Senior High. In future years he may look back on his high school days and remember them with a warm feeling of satisfaction.

Graduation is that time of joy and sorrow, when feelings are mixed and one finds that often he becomes choked with emotion. It is not the "end of the world," just the beginning.

Student Leaders Say

Thanks To You All And Good Luck

During the year 1957-58 the Representative Assembly of the Student Organization has met fifteen times, in an effort to serve you, the student body.

I would like to express to Miss Annie Lechevalier, the faculty, students, Mr. C. M. Edson and Miss Kate Parks Kitchen my sincere thanks for helping to make this a successful year.

I appreciate all the help that you, the students, gave me.

Blount Taylor
SO President

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It has been a satisfying adventure to serve as editor of your annual this year. Having held this position of trust and responsibility will definitely be an asset to me in the future.

You now have the object of a fine staff's effort in your hands. I hope you will like it, and I urge you to reward those staff members who have worked so hard by letting them know of your approval. May the 1958 HI-NOC-AR preserve for you always the memories of our wonderful experiences together!

David Harper
HI-NOC-AR

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As another year passes, another editor leaves THE BLACKBIRD nest to fly away from Senior High.

Being newspaper editor has been the most outstanding experience of my high school career. I am delighted to have worked with the adviser and people of the staff.

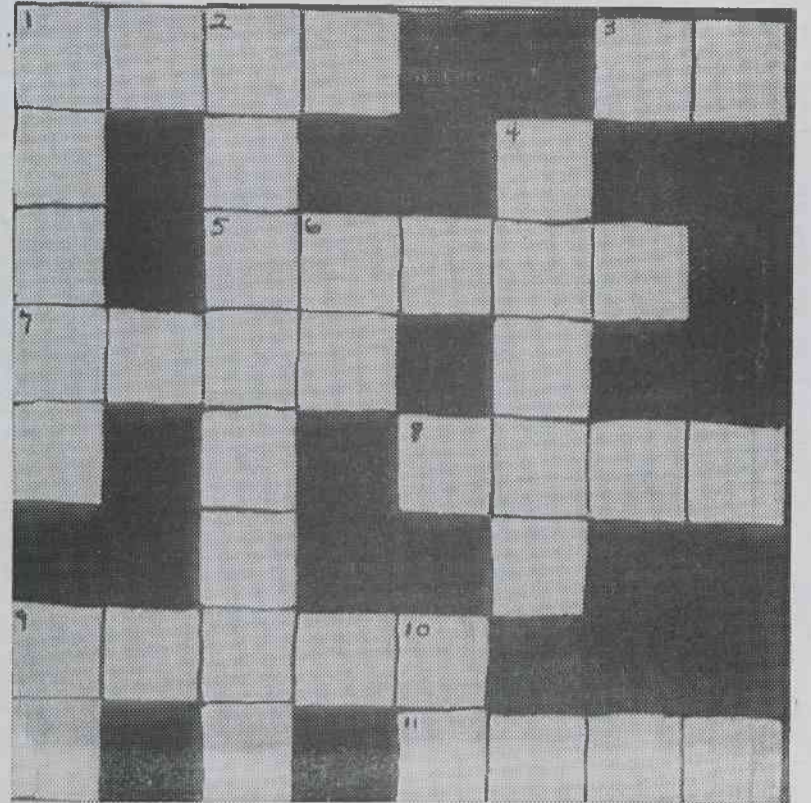
I hope the newspaper improved this year and will continue to grow bigger and stronger, to represent the students and teachers of Senior High.

Carol Threatt
THE BLACKBIRD editor

Posthumous charities are the very essence of selfishness when bequeathed by those who, while alive, would part with nothing.

—C. C. Colton

What's Your Musical I. Q.?



ACROSS

- 1. A Hilltopper Hit
- 3. "— and My Shadow"
- 5. Girl's Name
- 7. Down by the Old — Stream
- 8. So —
- 9. Hit by the Sheperd Sisters
- 11. — Grant

DOWN

- 1. A Debbie Reynold's Hit
- 2. Sucker
- 4. — by The Everley Brothers
- 6. — Martino
- 9. — the Hop
- 10. Edie Gorme (Initials)

May 30 Concepts

Some of the seniors are frolicky and gay

As they happily approach the 30th of May;

Some say that they can't wait While others seem to dread that date.

This will be a year we shall long remember,

Starting our memories back in September;

When we started off as seniors everything was fine,

Until now we realize this is the end of the line.

We'll say our good-byes graduation night,

And hope in our hearts everyone will take the path that is right.

Some tears will be shed that night in May

When we walk down the aisle in our gowns of grey;

We'll think of those we're leaving behind

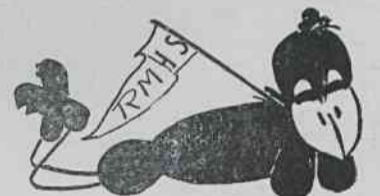
Our friends and teachers who were so kind.

Now we know that Senior High is a great place after all

Come summer, winter, spring, or fall

by Sandra Melton

Ben Blackbird Sez



It's a time for joy, a time for tears, a time we'll treasure through all the years — We'll remember always, Graduation Day.

It is always easier to believe than to deny. Our minds are naturally affirmative.

—John Burroughs



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Backward Glance Recalls Year's Events

As the end of school draws near, memories of the past year are called to mind—important topics recorded in issues of **The Blackbird**.

In the TV American History class an educational experiment was carried out. The National Merit Scholarships were given to juniors this year for another "first". Along with this, special emphasis was placed on scholarship.

Dottie Lou Thorpe captured the "Miss Print" title and **George DeWitt**, TV celebrity, selected **Carol Wilson**, beauty queen from among 16 junior and senior girls.

Mr. Ken Yarborough resigned as coach and **Mr. Don Hipps** former assistant coach at Wake Forest, will take his place next fall. The paper paid tribute to **Spero Kouroukls**, one of the teams' bigges supporters.

Students and teachers were saddened by the loss of a friend and teacher, **Miss Wita Bond**. Another loss to all was the unexpected death of **Senator Kerr Scott**, former N. C. governor.

School improvement campaigns were carried out and career week brought information.

The Blackbird and the **Hi-Noc-Ar** staffs sent delegates to New York for the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention, from which **The Blackbird** brought a first rating. The **Blackbird** also sent six delegates to the Southern Inter-Scholastic Press Association convention in Lexington, Virginia, there the paper received and honor rating.

The Blackbird recorded these events—but the students made the news.